

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pietras, et al.

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For:

An Apparatus for Facilitating

the Connection of Tubulars

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a one-month extension of time to and including May 28, 2002, in which to file an Appeal Brief.

This form is filed in duplicate. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 and any additional fees which may be required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0012/WBP.

Respectfully submitted,

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